

REMARKS

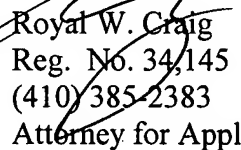
This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 20 December 2004, the time to respond being until 20 February, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to the disclosure because the fourth paragraph on page 6 of the Specification beginning on line 17, added the following language which the Examiner considers to be new matter: "and may be constructed from a pre-cut strip of said foam"; "One skilled in the art will understand that alternative foam construction methods are available such as molding or die-cutting from raw foam sheet material." The Specification is herein amended to cancel the above-quoted language.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3-9 are allowed.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in the proper condition, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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